



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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To Whom It May Concern

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has developed the attached questionnaire in concert with the US EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards. We request that this questionnaire be completed for operations that comprise the **"Primary Extraction and Processing of Gold and Silver"** industry at your facility. We are seeking the information requested by this questionnaire pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 445B.230, NRS 445B.330 and NRS 445B.340-360. In accordance with NRS 445B.340, you may appeal the Department's action of issuance of this request for information within 10 days after you receive this document. Appeals may be filed with the State Environmental Commission, on Form 3 at 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701, telephone 775-687-9308.

We are requesting information regarding mercury air emissions from your primary extraction and processing operations, the use of air pollution control (APC) devices in those operations, and their effectiveness in reducing emissions, particularly of mercury emissions.

If you have concerns about protecting the confidentiality of any of the information in this questionnaire, please contact an NDEP representative. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact:

Mr. Greg Remer, Permitting Supervisor, 775-687-9359, gremer@ndep.nv.gov; or
Mr. Michael Elges, Chief, 775-687-9329, melges@ndep.nv.gov

Please return this questionnaire **by March 15, 2006** along with any additional relevant information to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection at 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701, Attention: Greg Remer. The questionnaire may be down-loaded from the NDEP website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/mercury/index.htm>.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Elges, Chief
NDEP Bureau of Air Pollution Control

Att (1): Precious Metals Mining Mercury Air Emissions Questionnaire (for facilities in Nevada)